

Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to
worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all
adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Readings for This Week (may vary)

Isaiah 6.1-8
(Psalm 29)
Romans 8.12-17
John 3.1-17

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

1 Samuel 3.1-10 [11-20]
(Psalm 139.1-5,12-18)
2 Corinthians 4.5-12
Mark 2.23 - 3.6

Verse for the Week:

“For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry “Abba, Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”
Romans 8:15-16

Prayer & Reading Diary Lydford

Monday

Read: 1 Samuel 3.1-10 [11-20]

Prayer: The community we live in, especially for those who take leadership roles on various committees and those whose work takes them out in all winds and weathers

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 139.1-5,12-18

Prayer: Those who organise or attend the Community Lunches, for the elderly, the housebound, the lonely, those finding life hard and difficult to cope with, those suffering from long-term or life-threatening ill health

Wednesday

Read: 2 Corinthians 4.5-12

Prayer: The young people in the community, for those who attend the local school or colleges, for all involved in education

Thursday

Read: Mark 2.23 - 3.6

Prayer: Those who help to keep the church and its surroundings open, welcoming, clean and safe for those who enter the area to attend services, to pray and reflect, or just to visit

Friday

Read: Deuteronomy 5.1-21

Prayer: Our churchwarden and PCC as they work to keep the church relevant, for the mid-week Morning Prayer service with its ministry for visitors and locals

Saturday

Read: Acts 21.17-39a

Prayer: Adrian and all ordained and lay people who lead worship in the Northmoor team as they prepare for tomorrow's services, for those who help to enhance that experience and that those who attend worship this week may do so with open hearts and minds

Notices:



* Okehampton Deanery Treasurer

Okehampton Deanery needs someone to pick up part or all of the Deanery Treasurer role. You do not need to be a synod member to do this. Training is available, and a full handover will be given. The most urgent need is someone to pay expenses and maintain the accounts, this may be something you can do in the interim, even if you aren't available to take on the whole Treasurer role. Please do consider whether God might be calling you to this key role. Philip, the outgoing treasurer, is very happy to discuss what's involved: p.lynn@btinternet.com or [01837 849144](tel:01837849144)

* Parish editors for Northmoor Team or A

Church Near You websites: We need volunteers to assist with updating individual parish pages. 1-2-1 training available. Those who already do this for parishes, please consider including the Team/ACNY website in your remit? Bare minimum is we need someone from each parish as a key news contact. Contact Rev Gill for more information.

*** Bridestowe and Sourton:** We are currently working on making these next two parishes 'live' on the Northmoor Team website, and need all the information we can get. If you want to add to this, please contact Rev Gill.

*** Spam Emails:** Some people have been getting emails saying they are from Stephen and asking them to reply. The email address begins "onlinechurch..." They are not from Stephen. Please report them as spam and do not reply. They are unusually convincing because they get the titles right and the initial message is the sort of thing you might receive. AI is getting better all the time!

Dates for your Diary:



* Wednesday 22nd May:

Jacobstowe

There is a Celtic Evening Prayer, starting at 7pm

* Sourton Cream Teas and Savouries

Will be served on Bank holiday **Monday May 27th** from 1.30 -5.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall in aid of Sourton Church.

All are welcome including well behaved dogs!

Take-away also available.

* Friday June 7th: "Wine Quiz and supper"

Church Hall 7 for 7.30 £12 pp contact Ruth Cartlidge on 07551 655424 for tickets and details

* Saturday June 8th: Concert by the West Devon

Chorale at All Saints - 5pm Tickets £15 advance/ £16 on the door (students and under 18's £8) Contact Mish Flexman on 07913 329148 for details

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Church Services:

Sunday 26th May

(Trinity Sunday)

8:30am

Sticklepath - Holy Communion

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion

Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer

Jacobstowe – Holy Communion

Northlew – Morning Prayer

Bridestowe – Family Service

Bratton Clovelly – Morning Prayer

Sourton – Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton – Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Morning Service

Lydford – Holy Communion

Exbourne – Morning Prayer

Meeth – Holy Communion

6:00pm

Hatherleigh – Evensong

Sunday 2nd June

(1st Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone – Celtic Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion

Exbourne – Family Service

Meeth – All Age Worship

Sourton – Holy Communion

Northlew - Morning Prayer

10:30am

Sticklepath -Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton - Family Service

Lydford – Morning Prayer

Hatherleigh – Holy Communion

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion



Grapevine

Trinity Sunday

26th May 2024



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I've just come back from a holiday in Malta. While we were there, we visited the great cathedral in Valetta, built by the Knights Templar and one of the world's most extreme examples of baroque art. Every inch of the interior is overlaid with gold or adorned with paintings by the finest exponents of the day, including Caravaggio. We wandered round with our electronic guides against our ears; here is the beheading of John the Baptist, there is the flagellation of Christ, here the portrait of one Grand Master, there another. It was impressive but I was glad to get outside again, it was far too visually noisy.

I know other people love that kind of thing and find it uplifting and I say vive la difference. We all approach God in different ways, and we find different places, different music, different atmospheres uplifting. A foreign cathedral exposes you to the religion of a different time and a different culture.

Today is Trinity Sunday, and as we grapple with the supreme mystery of the nature of God, I would like to share something from a book I was reading on holiday. The author was quoting Bishop Kallistos Ware. "In the Christian context, we do not mean by a "mystery" merely that which is baffling and an insoluble problem. A mystery is, on the contrary, something which is revealed for our understanding but that we never understand exhaustively because it leads into the depth or the darkness of God. The eyes are closed, but they are also opened." *Stephen Cook*